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Elizabeth Hardee Iris Gardens

Kentfield, Marin County, California

ELIZABETH HARDEE IRIS GARDENS

"Where the Iris Grows in All the Tints of Dawn"

GROWER AND IMPORTER OF

RARE IRISES

KENTFIELD, MARIN COUNTY
CALIFORNIA



1927 - 1928

Telephone: SAN ANSELMO 2436-J

Iris



MAKE YOUR SPRING GARDEN A RAINBOW OF COLOR

Greek mythology tells us that Iris was a virgin, the personification of the rainbow and messenger of the gods to men.

No greater appreciation of the flower can be given today than that which the ancient Greeks gave when they bestowed this name. The colors of the iris are iridescent, liquid; all efforts to describe their beauty seem futile. One might as well try to describe the silken sheen of the poppy.

Although the iris has been named for a virgin, its regal beauty suggests rather a royal leader, a king or emperor, garbed in robes of satin and velvet with lacings of gold. There is something bold and vigorous about the iris and while one may find varieties blooming in the summer, autumn or winter, it generally flowers at a time when it can be most

appreciated, in the months of March, April, May and June—a veritable "Lord of the Spring."

The new irises are the result of careful selection and breeding by the world's best hybridists. An iris usually blooms the second year from seed and out of hundreds of seedlings no two will be precisely alike. The stock of a new iris may be limited to one bulb, and the increase is naturally slow from the propagator's point of view. This accounts for the high price of new introductions. As the stock increases the price falls. Some of our finest irises are reasonable in price because they are older introductions.

I can say quite honestly, however, that I feel that all the higher priced novelties listed in my catalog are well worth the price.

ELIZABETH HARDEE,
Member American Iris Society.

Terms



PRICES QUOTED ARE FOR SINGLE RHIZOMES

My terms are cash with order. Money will be refunded for any variety which I cannot furnish. No substitutions will be made without consent of the buyer. While I have a large stock of most of the standard varieties my supply of the latest importations is necessarily limited.

A dozen of any one variety of iris, listed at \$1 or less, will be sold at the rate for ten. For varieties listed at more than \$1 each the prices are net.

I use great care in keeping my stock true to name, but should any prove untrue I will, on proper proof, replace it.

Delivery free, in California only, if by parcel post. On orders of less than \$1.00 add 25c for postage.

The name of the originator is, where known, given in parentheses.

The figures preceding the names of the varieties are the ratings given in the recent symposium of the American Iris Society.

The American Iris Society has checked on many of the Bearded Iris and this checking has been indicated by numbers—100 being a perfect iris, 90 and over very fine, 85 fine, 80 very good, 70 good.

While everyone may not agree with these decisions, and they are not final, yet in general they are a good guide to follow.

S signifies "Standards" or upright petals; F the "Falls" or drooping petals.

Please note the high ratings of irises in this catalog.

Note—These prices supersede previous lists or quotations.

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VISITORS ARE WELCOME
AT ANY TIME

Cultural Directions

Irises are all sun-lovers and should never be planted in dense shade. Some varieties keep their color best in partial shade but all must have sun at least part of the day.

Always select a well drained soil, preferably heavy. Work it well and top dress with wood ashes, lime or bone meal. Never use fresh manure.

The bearded irises can stand a long period of drought, but appreciate plenty of water as they approach the blooming season. Occasional deep watering during the summer is helpful in keeping the bulb in good condition and the foliage green.

Never allow irises to stand in water. Root rot is usually due to a cold, soggy soil or a soil in which there is decayed vegetable matter. If new soil is used for an iris planting be sure that the sod or weeds are thoroughly disintegrated.

Plant about a foot to eighteen inches apart and transplant when crowded. Some varieties give best results when they have formed a clump. Isolene is one of these. Others bloom well from a single rhizome. In replanting use the young, vigorous offshoots, discarding the old root. Barely cover the rhizomes or fleshy roots and be sure that no manure comes in contact with them. Always water a new planting until

root growth is established, but exercise care at this time not to overdo the watering and cause the roots to rot. Do not plant irises between heavy shrubbery; always permit them to have air and sunshine.

Where irises occupy a prominent place that is likely to look bare during the summer plant perennial Phlox between the bulbs. These will give a mass of bloom during the season when the iris is dormant and will not crowd the bulbs. A background of Delphinium will add to this charming effect. A planting of Zinnias will not injure the iris but will give color during the summer. In planting between irises use care not to overcrowd or shade them too much.

For landscaping and open sunbaked vistas nothing is so satisfactory as a planting of the light blue Pallidas. The effect at a distance is that of a shimmering sheet of water. When the flowers have gone the foliage will hold its own under the most trying conditions.

No flower is more satisfying than the iris for home decoration. If cut in the bud when about to open the flowers will expand in the house in their full richness of color and last a long time. Every bud will blossom, replacing with a fresh flower those which fade.

Make Your Selections Now and I Will Ship Your Bulbs at the Proper Time to Bloom the First Season

Standard Varieties

THE PRICES QUOTED ON STANDARD VARIETIES ARE FOR SINGLE RHIZOMES
ONE DOZEN OF ONE VARIETY AT THE RATE FOR TEN

American Iris Society Rating	Price	American Iris Society Rating	Price
79 ALBERT VICTOR (Barr). Perhaps no iris is more satisfactory than this beautiful Pallida. Large flowers of wonderful sheen borne upon 40-inch stems. Fragrant. S and F a rich lavender blue..	.25	75 CAPRICE (Vilmorin 1904). Rosy red purple flowers of broad segments and fine form. A thrifty grower and dependable bloomer. Two feet.....	.25
89 ALCAZAR (Vilmorin). Enormous flowers of great substance; tall and vigorous, a giant in flower and growth. S light bluish violet with bronze reflections. F red violet with glowing bronze-veined throat .....	.50	89 CATERINA (Foster). A light violet self, fragrant, lovely; stem 2-4 feet.....	.25
78 AMAS. A large flowered species from Asia Minor. Broad standards of iridescent blue; falls smooth violet. Branched stems thirty inches high. Early.	.35	CLARISSIMA. S soft pink lavender. F violet purple netted on snow white, giving a peculiar tigered effect; falls held horizontally. Charming in mass .....	.25
83 ARCHEVEQUE. S light hortense violet; F velvety raisin purple. A flower of rich coloring.....	.25	80 COL. CANDELOT (Millet). Light rosy bronze standards, with rich velvety-maroon falls. Orange beard .....	.75
61 BERCHTA (Goos & Koenemann). S straw yellow. F soft shade of carmine violet with border of dull yellow. All divisions broad and full. Medium height .....	.25	DALMARIUS (Goos & Koenemann). S satiny grey. F velvety soft purple lilac. Attractive.....	.25
71 BLUE JAY (Farr). A rich bluet blue. Late and distinct .....	.25	78 DAWN (Yeld). 33 in. Early. Very pale yellow; almost white—reticulated brown at base. Bright yellow beard .....	.35
CANDELABRA. Standards lavender suffused lilac, falls dark purple with white reticulation.....	.50	DOROTHEA. S white. F white shaded blue, very early and dainty .....	.25
		86 EDOUARD MICHEL (Verdier). 36 in. Late. One of the finest irises in cultivation. Broad frilled standards and wide falls of deep wine red.....	.75

Rating		Price	Rating		Price
80	FAIRY (Kennicott). Delicately beautiful. S incurving, F recurving, producing a globular form. S white with soft blue at base. F creamy white. Translucent. 30 inches.....	.25	80	JACQUESIANA (Lemon). 30 in. Mid-season. Rich coloring and exceedingly beautiful flower. S coppery rose, deepening to a bronze throat. F rich velvety crimson-maroon. Golden beard.....	.35
70	FLAVESCENS (De Candolle). A very useful pale sulphur yellow .....	.25	84	KASHMIR WHITE (Foster). The best tall pure white. Flowers of good substance on well branched stems .....	.50
	FREDERICK. S pale lavender blue. F lavender blue, veined brown at throat. Heavy bloomer, one of the best for massing; large flowers; medium tall .....	.25	78	KOCHII. Rich claret purple of silky texture; free bloomer. Early .....	.25
76	GLOIRE DE HILLEGOM. Tall, of vigorous growth; fragrant flower, clear light blue; excellent for cutting .....	.25	74	KHARPUT. This variety is collected in and named for a town in Mesopotamia. The large violet purple velvety flower is regal in its beauty; one of the first to bloom. 30 inches.....	.25
73	HER MAJESTY (Perry). Pale rose with deeper colored veins on falls. 20 inches.....	.35	96	LENT A. WILLIAMSON (Williamson). S hyssop violet. F velvety mulberry purple. Large flowers of great beauty and richness. A new hybrid that has been referred to by Mr. Bliss as the finest of the American seedlings. 3 feet.....	.50
	HIAWATHA (Farr). S pale rosy lavender. F royal purple, bordered lavender. 28 inches.....	.25		LEONIDAS. Soft rosy mauve. Globular flower of great charm. 40 inches.....	.25
78	IRIS KING (Goos & Koenemann). Late. A combination of old gold and maroon that makes this iris very showy. It is one of the richest in coloring among the moderately priced irises.....	.50		LEWIS TROWBRIDGE (Farr). S bright violet. F blue violet, shaded rose. 33 in. Large flower, wide standards and falls.....	.35
86	ISOLENE (Vilmorin). S pale lilac, flushed yellow. F old rose with shadings of Chinese violet. Large pinkish buff flower of delicate texture and unusual beauty; one of the finest. 3 feet.....	.35	79	LOHENGREN (Goos & Koenemann). Light mauve shading into pink. Flowers of good texture inclined to be frilled. 33 inches.....	.35
	JEANNE D'ARC (Verdier). A delicately frilled white, with tinting of lavender blue; very lovely. 2½ feet25	79	LORELEY (Goos & Koenemann). S clear light yellow, often splashed with the raisin purple of the falls. F raisin purple, bordered cream. Very showy and free35

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81 MA MIE (Cayeux 1906). Standards and falls clear white frilled violet blue. Of better form than Mme. Chereau. Three feet.....	.50	74 NAVAHO (Farr). 20 in. Mid-season. S beautiful old gold with slight lavender tints. F dark crimson-maroon stripes over a white and yellow ground. Rich golden beard. A free bloomer. Very beautiful and much admired.....	.35
78 MARY GARDEN (Farr). 28 in. Late. S pale yellow flushed pale lavender, minutely dotted brown at haft. F cream ground, minutely dotted and striped with lavender violet and maroon. Unique .....	.35	73 NIBELUNGEN (Goos & Koenemann). S fawn yellow. F violet purple with fawn margin. 30 inches .....	.35
MAUVINE (Dean). A pink mauve of uniform shade, tall and very effective in the garden; useful for cutting .....	.35	NIRVANA (Sturtevant). S smooth vinaceous buff underlaid with lavender; F lobelia violet deepening to a band of vinaceous purple at the beard; smooth tones; growth strong but graceful.....	.50
81 MESOPOTAMICA . A wild species, very tall and early. Useful in hybridizing. Blended shades of blue and light violet. Silky ruffled flower; branching flexile stem .....	.50	75 NOTHUNG (Goos & Koenemann). A pale yellow flower suffused with delicate blue; tall, exquisite, charming in mass .....	.35
76 MISS WILLMOTT (Foster). It is a fine white, sometimes pure, sometimes variably washed with lavender. Branching spikes carrying four flowers. 3-3½ feet .....	.50	OTHELLO . Delicately graceful flower of deep violet tones. Velvety. All divisions long and narrow. Effective near water .....	.25
75 MITHRAS (Goos & Koenemann). 24 in. Mid-season. S bright clear canary yellow. F rich wine-red with a narrow golden border. Throat beautifully marked wine-red over a white ground. Bright orange beard .....	.50	79 PARISIANA (Vilmorin). White standards heavily netted and the falls fringed with Chinese violet. 30 inches .....	.50
MME. CHEREAU . White, elegantly frilled with a wide border of clear blue. An old favorite. 30 in. ....	.25	78 PERFECTION (Barr.) Rich coloring. Prolific bloomer. S light lavender violet. F flaring. Velvety deep violet purple. Bright orange beard.....	.35
82 MT. PENN (Farr). Standards and falls deep reddish pink. Distinct orange beard. Pallida habit..	.50	95 PRINCESS BEATRICE . 48 in. Mid-season. Rated as the second best iris by the Amer. Iris Society. Stock limited, as the genuine stock is scarce. Delicate blue of silky texture.....	.50

Rating		Price
77	PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE (Goos & Koene-mann). S pinard yellow. F roods violet with yellow border. Vigorous and showy. 30 inches.	.25
83	PROSPER LAUGIER (Verdier). 32 in. Mid-season. S iridescent bronze. F velvety ruby-purple. Orange beard. Very rich flower. One of the best of the bronze irises.	.50
86	QUEEN OF MAY (Salter). Soft rose pink of Pallida habit. 30 inches.	.25
84	RHEIN NIXIE (Goos & Koenemann). 36 in. Mid-season. S pure snow white. F red-purple with white border. Strikingly beautiful.	.35
	RHODA. Large flower of moderate height. Lovely soft shell pink. Stock limited.	.50
76	RINGDOVE (Foster). S and F a soft mauve lavender; height 4 feet; most desirable as a cut-flower	.35
69	ROSE UNIQUE (Farr 1910). An early deep pink.	.35

SEEDLING NO. 2. This seedling has attracted a great deal of attention in my garden, and I am offering it for sale this season for the first time. The flowers are of medium size with flaring falls borne on 40-inch stems and are of an intense lupine blue that does not fade in the sun.

In planting the bearded iris remember that the upper surface of the rhizome must be exposed to the sun and air. Deep planting will keep the iris from blooming satisfactorily. Bone meal is a safe fertilizer and dehydrated lime will keep the soil sweet and the foliage clean.

Rating		Price
	SARABANDE (Sturt.). A most pleasing fawn and violet bi-color	.50
	SHERBERT (Sturt. 1918). S ecru-drab, deepening through cinnamon to purplish vinaceous; F dahlia purple, lighter at edges. Very effective. Stalks well branched. 4 feet.	.50
76	SHERWIN WRIGHT (Koh. 1915). A bright golden yellow self. Vigorous, 24 in.	.25
	THORBECKE. S white, F rich velvety purple. The flower is not large but the contrast in coloring makes a very effective garden clump.	.35
	TOREADOR. S brilliant orange, shot with bronze; F rich, glowing red	.50
81	TROJANA. 36 in. A giant flower. Very beautiful. Pale blue standards with rich purple falls and orange beard. The true variety	.25
	WINDHAM (Farr). Rose pink, veined darker rose; foliage rather small and delicate; flower large. About 20 inches. Fine for borders.	.35

Irises of Later Introduction



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American Iris Society Rating	Price
86 AFTERGLOW (Sturtevant). 36 in. Mid-season. Soft grayish lavender, shaded with yellow at the center75
AMBIGU . Clear reddish purple, quite distinct and charming	1.00
94 AMBASSADOR (Vilmorin). 42 in. Third highest rating by the Am. Iris Society. A monster flower of striking richness and beauty. S glistening smoky-lavender with an amber cast. Flower of fine form and texture. F rich brown maroon. Bright orange beard	1.00
92 ASIA (Yeld). 54 in. One of the most wonderful irises in cultivation. Free flowering, large blooms of pale lavender and violet purple. Large golden beard	3.00
94 BALLERINE (Vilmorin). 48 in. Early. Large, very fragrant violet blue flowers. Given the second highest rating by the A. I. S. One of the very finest Pallidas	1.00
CONQUISTADOR (Mohr). A gigantic iris, magnificent in the garden; huge flowers on stout stems 5 to 6 feet tall. No collection should be without this iris. Deep lavender self. Each.....	2.50

American Iris Society Rating	Price
87 CRUSADER (Foster). 42 in. Mid-season. A mammoth flower and very beautiful. S uniform light blue. F deeper bluish-violet, with a white throat that is lined with brown. Orange beard. One of the most striking of all.....	1.00
DEJAZET . Velvety red, overlaid gold; medium tall	1.00
DELICATISSIMA . A tall late Pallida of heavy texture. Lavender with a distinctly pink tone. Excellent	1.00
85 DREAM (Sturtevant). A very lovely tall pink Pallida. Of good form and texture.....	1.00
GEORGIA (Farr). A good deep pink; prolific. Splendid garden variety, early. Inclined to bloom in the Fall as well as Spring.....	1.00
84 J. B. DUMAS . A fine rose pink.....	2.00
78 KNYSNA (Bliss). 33 in. S deep old gold. F velvety crimson-maroon, very distinct. Golden beard .....	.50
91 MAGNIFICA (Vilmorin). Huge flowers, very showy. S light pink violet, F red violet. A handsome novelty	1.00

Rating		Price
85	MEDRANO. Rich shade of bronzy claret. Fine flower of unusual coloring on rather dwarfed stems	1.00
84	MERLIN (Sturtevant). 30 in. A large lavender-violet flower, with buff styles	1.00
87	MLLE. SCHWARTZ (Denis). 48 in. A wonderful pale mauve flower of large size and Pallida form. Free flowering	1.00
86	MME. DURRAND (Denis). 42 in. Large flowers of an unusual shade of tawny buff and creamy yellow, overlaid with mauve	3.50
87	MOTHER OF PEARL (Sturtevant 1921). A beautiful and outstanding iris. Standards and falls pale bluish lavender with a faint creamy undertone. Large flowers of exceptional substance and perfect form on well branched stems forty inches high. Vigorous in growth and producing its wonderful flowers freely	1.00
87	OPERA (Vilmorin). 28 in. Early. One of the richest colored irises in existence. Standards of rich violet-rose with falls of rich velvety violet-purple. Orange beard	1.00
	PROSPERO (Hort). Large flowers on branching stems. S pale lavender. F deep violet purple with a lighter margin. 4 feet	1.00
	REGAN (Hort). A new bi-color. Large flower of deep violet coloring	1.00

Rating		Price
82	ROSEWAY (Bliss). 36 in. Early. Bright red Pallida with orange beard	.50
83	SEMINOLE (Farr 1920). Standards lilac red, falls velvety crimson; the whole flower brightened by a coppery suffusion. Orange beard. Two feet. One of the very finest	1.00
88	SHEKINAH (Sturtevant). 36 in. Mid-season. A very beautiful pale yellow, much deeper at the throat. Bright lemon beard. The first yellow of Pallida growth	.50
93	SOUVENIR DE MME. GAUDICHAU (Millet). 42 in. One of the most striking and remarkable of all irises. Tall and early. Large, perfectly formed flowers of the richest Bradley's violet. Velvety. Prolific bloomer	1.00
	SUSAN BLISS (Bliss 1922). The tallest rose-pink iris. Considered one of the outstanding varieties. A beautiful novelty	2.00
81	VIRGINIA MOORE (Shull). Bright yellow. Falls only slightly veined. 2½ feet	1.00
	YELLOW HAMMER (Denis). 24 in. Early. Pure bright amber-yellow. Sweetly scented	1.00
85	ZWANENBURG. (Denis 1909). An iris of peculiar coloring; standards dull lavender gray; falls bronzy yellow flushed maroon. Early and very free blooming	.50

Rare Varieties



STOCK LIMITED—PRICES QUOTED BELOW ARE NET AND FOR SINGLE RHIZOMES

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APHRODITE (Dykes). S and F bright violet-pink. The falls have a white flush from the center of the blade to the haft. This variety is recognized as the world's best pink iris. The general effect is a decided pink tone. Its good size and perfect form, with its prolific blooming habit, increase its popularity **10.00**

AURELLE (Denis). S light purplish blue; F rich glowing crimson-purple with a golden beard. Its habit and shape of flowers are very much like Mme. Gaudichau, from which it is a seedling, but it far surpasses its parent by virtue of the beautiful luminous effect of its fine falls. One of the new varieties, still very scarce..... **7.50**

CITRONELLA (Bliss). This is the very best yellow iris from England. Its carriage is perfect, and so are its standards, but the falls are smaller and of a dark shade. It is in very great demand among breeders and collectors **7.50**

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DOMINION (Bliss). S of Dauphin's blue or light bluish-violet, large, erectly held, well developed, and richly veined; F of exceptional substance, expanding at the base to a deep rich indigo-purple velvet. There is a little veining in the throat, violet-purple on white ground. Beard orange, very pronounced. Quality of entire bloom is the very best. The plant, however, needs extra care, perfect drainage and probably some protection from Winter and Spring rains. Stock limited.... **15.00**

IMPERATOR (Cayeux). S clear violet tinted buff; F reddish violet, throat reticulated with red-brown. This is one of the most promising of the new irises from France **5.00**

LEONATO (Hort). Unquestionably the finest bi-color in the world. From the tip of the standard to the tip of the fall it measures over 6-in. Larger than any other iris in existence with the exception of Ricardi Blanc, Bleute and Peerless. This ought to rate at least 95. 4 ft. John C. Wister in Bulletin No. 7 of American Society, page 10, says of this iris: "Nothing more beautiful than this flower can be imagined" **8.00**

Rating	Price
PIONEER (Bliss 1924). A magnificent new iris, the best red-purple in cultivation. S large and incurved, colored bright red-purple. F very broad and strong, in color, a deep glowing red.....	10.00
SOUV. DE LOETITIA MICHAUD (Millet). The strong stems grow about 4 feet high, bearing enormous flowers of a fine texture. S lobelia blue, shading toward the edge to pale blue; F the same color beautifully veined yellow on the white ground of the haft. It is one of the finest irises yet introduced. Very few roots for sale this year.	8.00

Rating	Price
85 SWEET LAVENDER (Bliss 1919). An iris of distinct and pleasing character. Standards lavender; the flaring falls a deeper rose lavender. Large flowers on well branched stems. Three feet. Plant of vigorous growth	1.00

Every iris lover is invited to join the American Iris Society. Every new member receives "Iris for the Beginner," and four other bulletins during the year. Annual dues are \$3.00. Checks payable to Arthur H. Scott, Front and Market Streets, Chester, Pa.



IRIS COLLECTIONS

In order to balance the surplus of certain overstocked varieties I will send you **ten** fine standard irises of my selection, all different and each labeled:

Collection No. 1: Catalog value \$2.50; Collection price \$1.50

Collection No. 2: Catalog value 5.00; Collection price 2.50

Collection No. 3: Catalog value 10.00; Collection price 5.00

These will all be rhizomes of good size, in wide range of color, shipped to you postpaid in California only.

Miscellaneous Iris



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The following varieties require some water during the dry season. In the case of Iris Siberica the best results are obtained by planting in a moist location or where they can have the regular watering given flower beds. The lovely green grass-like foliage will repay one for this care.

OCHROLEUCA

(Apogon)

Price

Syn. "ORIENTALIS GIGANTEA." White with yellow blotch on falls; tall and handsome; very decorative as a cut-flower25

IRIS SIBERICA

(Most elegant of all the small flowered irises. Narrow grassy foliage with tall, slender stems. Extremely effective planted near pools.)

ORIENTALIS. Intensely brilliant flowers of gentian blue; stems 3 feet25

UNGUICULARIS

(Native of Algeria)

Midwinter flowering, blooming from Fall to Spring

STYLOSA. Lilac blue with grassy evergreen foliage. The leaves of Iris Stylosa form clumps like the wild iris. The flower stems are often 8 to 10 inches and the flower, though small, is unusually effective because of its clear coloring and horizontal falls..... .25

PSEUDACORUS

Price

YELLOW WATER IRIS. Bright yellow flowers, 3 foot stems. Will thrive in water and damp localities..... .25

DOROTHEA K. WILLIAMSON. Large flowers of velvety dark madder violet. $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet..... 1.00

FOETIDISSIMA. The Gladwyn iris; an exceptionally fine strain with handsome deep green leaves, and flowers varying from greenish and light yellow tones to bright red-purple; ornamental pods of bright scarlet seeds in fall..... .50

MIXED IRIS SEEDLINGS

I have a very fine mixture to offer this season.

100 MIXED IRIS SEEDLINGS, including a wide range of beautiful shades. By express collect..... 10.00



BLOSSOMS